



CITY OF RIO VISTA

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Delta Protection Commission
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To Whom it May Concern:

The City Council of the City of Rio Vista unanimously supports the creation of a National Heritage Area for the Delta, including the City within its boundaries.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a special place of great importance to the state for agriculture, *recreation and a rich heritage of many cultures. Rio Vista has always been an integral part of that* place, even though the city is not within the current legal Delta boundary. Since it's original establishment in the 1850's, Rio Vista has been a vital key in supporting the agriculture of the area, transportation – both by land and water – and a center for recreation and culture. A National Heritage Area would focus attention on the Delta, enhance the unique values of the Delta, and, as is expressed in the Mission Statement, would “cultivate and retain appreciation and understanding of the Delta as an ecological, agricultural, recreational, historical and cultural treasure.”

The City of Rio Vista is encouraged by the focus on the Delta as a significant place that must be protected in all its facets. The designation as a National Heritage Area would signal this importance to the rest of the state and even to the nation.

As this process goes forward, the City of Rio Vista will continue to support the creation of an NHA.

Sincerely,

Jan Vick, Mayor
City of Rio Vista